

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

A seat belt 44 for constraining an occupant to a seat is provided with both a tension varying means ~~42, 16~~ allowing for providing a tension given to the seat belt 44 to vary, and a tension detecting means ~~45, 17~~ for detecting a an actual tension on of the seat belt 44. There is provided failure detecting means 48, which detects failures of at least one of the tension varying means ~~42, 16~~ and the tension detecting means ~~45, 17~~ by comparing the tension ~~given~~ provided by the tension varying means ~~42, 16~~ to the actual tension detected by the tension detecting means ~~45, 17~~, the difference in tensions thereof exceeding a predetermined value.